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PRESS CONFERENCE BY MR HAYDEN AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE LISBON, 7 SEPTEMBER 1984

Mr Hayden The President made it clear that there needs to be a settlement and that Portuaal wants to see a peaceful resolution to the problem in East Timor. We ~~ant~~ want to see a satisfactory settlement, ~~to~~ too, from Australia. What he pointed out was that any resolution, to be acceptable, would have to be acceptable to the people of East Timor to the people of Indonesia, to the United Nations, and to Portugal. They were about the principles that were ennunciated. We discussed in much more detail and extensively the issues but I think that if you want to know anything additional to that the President said that you should ask him because I am really am not authorised to speak for other people.

Q. Do you think that East Timor is essentially a political, military, or humanitarian problem?

Mr Hayden East ~~Eas~~ Timor has its political damage, that's obvious because of the commentary that takes place and the different points of view that are put from different sources. In Australia what we would like to do is to see a resolution to the issue and we are very much committed to working with, and in support of, Secretary General of the United Nations. We welcomed his latest report in which he points out that there has been contact between the various parties concerned about this matter and when I am at the United Nations in a few weeks time after going to Central America I will be talking with the Secretary General. I will also be talking to Dr Mochtar, the Foreign Minister of Indonesia and I expect that that will be only one round

of many rounds of talks which will proceed.

Q. Can you undertake (inaudible) Indonesia to help the cause of the ....

Mr Hayden I would not be prepared to say any more than what I have ~~just~~ just said because I have got to talk to more poeple yet and I would not like to have the dimensions of what I am talkaing about doing exagerated. All I am saying is that I am trying to sort out some better understanding all round of the issues and that better understanding is in support of the Secretary General of the United Nations and action he takes.